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M. B. HUNGATE,
Notary Public, The Iceman is a back number compared with the doctor with a \$200,000

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Now that the Ohio river has subsided, the people of Cincinnati can go back to their regular beverage.

Any member of that Callahan jury will vouch that jury service at \$2 a day is not what it is cracked up to be.

The assessors are again going their rounds to make sure that our wealthy citizens are still going without timepieces.

Senator Clark's forces in building a railroad out in Nevada are up against a legislature.

weaned itself of the idea that young Cudaby kidnaped himself.

tions by Nebraska poets of their own come.

May 1 will be observed as moving day by at least two eminent Nebraskans when the governor's office is transferred from Governor Dietrich to Governor

A man has been arrested at the White House on the charge of insanity. He was from Ohio, wanted to see the president and said he was not after an of-

Judge Baker expressed great surprise at the verdict of the Callahan jury. The judge ought to have had enough experience with juries to be proof against surprise parties in the jury box.

The Chinese authorities say they are doing everything in their power to avoid a clash with the international troops. In view of the result of previous clashes the Chinese authorities are displaying remarkable wisdom.

There is no scramble in Iowa for the democratic nomination for governor. This is not because the Iowa democrat has been weaned from a desire for office, but because he has learned to know when it is out of reach.

One of the Callanan jurors says he is of the lecture of the judge to the jury by fear of contempt. The case is closed and no danger of contempt proceedings. Let him relieve his mind.

Waldorf Astor is stingy with his tips and requires too much attention. They should turn him over to the American | the people of Buffalo. sleeping car porters. If they cannot fix

him his case is a hopeless one. South Omaha's four city councilmen seem to think that they are equal to the work of six while the perquisites make bigger chunks divided into four parts than when cut up into six. This is a

key to the councilmanic deadlock.

Omaha is assured a remarkably busy building season, but it still has a call out for a few more substantial business blocks and attractive residences. The that this country has been turned to in man who invests his capital to this purpose can rest certain of good returns on taken to indicate partial distrust or rehis money.

Great dissatisfaction exists in English army circles over the distribution of rewards, which many of the officers think are not graded according to accomplish. ments. This view is undoubtedly correct. If they were the list would be their own markets and in the second many times shorter than it is,

which is expected to be ready for opera- | foreign loans that have been negotiated tion within thirty days. It is heralded in this country could have been disposed as Omaha's first match factory, but that of abroad, but probably not so readily. overlooks the match factory in the while it is obviously to the advantage county judge's office which has been in of the foreign money markets to draw prohibit the appearance of women riding steady operation through good times and gold from this country at a time when hard times for many years,

ENGLAND'S ONE CONDITION.

According to advices from both Lontreaty if it contained a neutralization able to give exceedingly acceptable. clause. A London dispatch of a few on the subject of a treaty were underbe neutral and that if this can be defi-Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, though there is still ultaneously the Alaskan boundry matter. It was said, however, that this last

26...... 29,530 ate with whom Mr. Hay has talked, or communications. The dispatch further the decision of the federal court, but the 31...........30,020 in official circles that the chances for ishing the State Board of Transportaratified by the senate are excellent.

> consequence in the way of a treaty that the assumption that the state board exstruct and control an interoceanic water- imum rate law is dead as a salt mackate regarding the Hay-Pauncefote conupon the amendments to that treaty, it the subject. is difficult to feel confident of a satisfactory solution, though certainly it is not unattainable. The trouble is that in such a matter there is little, if any, opportunity for compromise.

At all events, the British government having left the way open for further negotiations and expressed an earnest desire that a satisfactory understanding may be reached, our government is to be commended for its efforts to renew negotiations, which it appears the British government is most willing to enter upon. We do not doubt that indifferent proposition than the Montana telligent and unprejudiced public sentiment is now more largely in favor of a neutralized canal than at the beginning We are glad to note that our amiable of the discussion of the question and it popocratic contemporary has at last is quite possible that some of the United States senators who opposed that prohave modified their views. Such an infrom senators by Secretary Hay. At poems. Spring, gentle spring, has surely any rate, it appears to be assured that a new treaty will be framed and ready for submission to the senate at its next session.

> THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION. All roads will lead to Buffalo after tomorrow, when the Pan-American exposition opens. This, is a much more significant enterprise than is commonly realized, or than perhaps will be fully understood until it has been adequately described. It has been carried out on a generous scale and the exposition will be unique in the fact that it has received no aid from the federal government. Judging from the illustrations that have appeared from time to time the architectural effects will be exceedingly fine,

while it is promised that in some of its features, notably in the display of American art, the exposition will surpass all that have gone before. It is said that no equally complete and meritorious exhibition of the works of painters and sculptors who can fairly be claimed for the United States has ever been seen. How extensive the exhibition is of the products of Latin-America, which the exposition was especially designed to display, is yet to be learned, but undoubtedly it will be of great in-

That the fair will be largely attended

can be confidently predicted. Buffalo is an attractive city and there is prevented from expressing his opinion tributary to it a population of many millions. There will be drawn to it not only large numbers from the states, but Canada will also furnish many visitors. The exposition should therefore prove a financial success and in all Paris waiters complain that William probability will do so. It is an enterprise in the highest degree creditable to the enterprise and public spirit of

terest.

## AS TO FOREIGN LOANS.

Referring to the American subscriptions to foreign loans, the Finnacial Chronicle says that while the direct participation of our financiers in transactions of this sort, for the first time in our history, is in a way highly gratifying to American pride and undoubtedly marks a real and very great advance in American financial prestige, it is an exaggerated idea that it signifies decay in Europe's own resources. The fact the foreign loans may doubtless be striction in the field of foreign capital. but not an actual want of resources abroad.

American co-operation, says that iournal, was enlisted because of the wish of foreign governments to avoid, in the first place, the disturbance of place because it was the business of those governments to get the best price ob-Omaha is to have a match factory tainable. There is no doubt that the

favor and steadily growing. It is a dice have so long condemned women, nor fact, however, that European financial could a horseman of standing be found to don and Washington, the British gov- resources are experiencing a strain ernment would accept a new canal which renders the help that America is to health many doctors of experience will

days ago stated that the negotiations WHAT KILLED MAXIMUM RATE LAW, in this cramped and utterly unnatural po-From the discussion indulged by cerstood to be based on the one condition tain newspapers over the recent ruling that the proposed isthmian canal shall of Judge Sanborn of the United States circuit court to the effect that no pronitely assured it now seems fikely Great | ceedings can be brought under the Nebraska maximum freight rate law to recover penalties from any railroads, the possibility of an endeavor on the although not parties to the original suit, part of Great Britain to bring up sim- it is plain that the facts are not clearly understood.

The original maximum freight rate contingency is officially described as be- case turned on the question whether the ing merely a question of policy not very rates prescribed in the law were exlikely to be pursued if the United States | cessively low to the extent of confiscatis content to make the canal neutral. ing the property without due compensa-A Washington dispatch to the New tion. The court held on the showing York Sun says the secretary of state made that under the then existing conhas secured the views of a sufficient ditions the schedule violated the constitunumber of senators to show, in his tional guaranties and was therefore unopinion, the character of an isthmian enforceable. The federal supreme court the political institutions of his adopted canal treaty that will be satisfactory to did not say that the law was unconsti- country than any books could teach him. the senate and at the same time have a tutional, but expressly announced that chance of being acceptable to the conditions of traffic might change so as British government. Reason for giving to make the legal schedule a reasonable credence to this appears in the fact that one, whereupon it might, upon proper the British ambassador is understood to showing, be revived as an active statute. have deferred his departure for England What Judge Sanborn decided in the until Secretary Hay returns from his Rock Island case was simply that while Pauncefote in the meanwhile to corre- one or more roads, its penalties could spond with his government on the basis not be imposed upon any other road, but

> What has killed the Nebraska maxiwith whom he has exchanged written mum rate law beyond resurrection is not the negotiation of a treaty that will be tion. The maximum rate law under its terms could not be made effective ex-The question of the neutralization of cept through a state board of transporthe proposed canal is the only one of tation, and its whole fabric is built on will permit the United States to con- ists to secure its execution. If the maxway and it will be most fortunate if erel, as we are now told, the last nail this can be satisfactorily disposed of. was driven by the supreme court of the But in view of the attitude of the sen- state at the instance of the late fusion attorney general, and there is no use vention and of the British government trying to confuse the public mind upon

> > Senator Pettigrew is credited with having made enough money in speculation since congress adjourned to pay up a large accumulation of debts and have a surplus of several hundred thousand dollars. The astonishing part of the story is that it was made on tips furnished by J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate. Think of Pettigrew, whose heart has bled for the downtrodden and oppressed during two terms in the senate, for only \$5,000 per year, becoming a shearer of lambs on the stock exchange.

The people of Italy who have been worried by brigands are reported to have struck a new lead. It is to raise a purse and hire the undesirable neighbors to emigrate to the United States. vision of the Hay-Pauucefote treaty The scheme may work all right for the Italians, but the people of America will A local society is to give an enter. ference seems to be warranted from be likely to file an objection. This countainment made up exclusively of recita- what is understood to have been elicited try can raise all this kind of people it has any use for, in fact it has just at present.

> Some of the popocratic organs threaten to publish the names of officials and members of the parties who accept passes and other corporation favors. If they start in the publishers must make up their minds to slight a large number. deny space to advertisers or enlarge their papers, for the list is a long one and possibly might be adorned by the names of some reformers who are talking the loudest.

The Jacksonians refuse to believe that the County Democracy this year mean what they say about being irreconcilably opposed to fusion any more than they did last year or the year before. Democratic practice and profession are decidedly at variance in this neck o' woods,

Fly to the Corn Belt. Washington Star. It cannot be denied that these dark and dismal spring days an optimistic weather bureau is more or less of a comfort.

One Substantial Gain. San Francisco Call. The prolonged resistance of the Boers may not yet have discouraged Kitchener but it has reduced Poet Laureate Austin to silence, and that is something for which the world owes thanks.

Prodigal for Royalty. Though the British government is \$250. 900,000 behind, the English mind is so con stituted that pride is felt in reports of the tour of the duke and duchess of York, who are spending \$813.500 "doing" the colonies.

The Fleeced Rarely Squeal. Washington Post Stories of big profits in Wall street tend to make the ordinary individual very much

dissatisfied with his lot. But he should bear in mind that the losers are usually heard from through the proceedings in bankruptcy. The Price that Staggers. The Boers are without a ship upon th seas, without a cent of credit among the

# would stagger humanity-aye, and sober it

conqueror must pay a price that

productive industry, yet are they not ful-

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as weil?

Chicago Chroniele Psychology has established itself as vital force in law. The Omaha court try ing the Cudahy kidnaping case rules that the father's fear of the blindness of his son operated like physical stress to induce him to give up his money to the kidnapers The point, if sustained on appeal, will be available against successful blackmailers.

## Millions for Postage Stamps

Boston Globe In 1881 the United States government sold postage stamps to the value of \$34,483,503. It now sells stamps to thrice that value every year. Half of the increase has come within the seven years since 1894, when the sales were \$70,239,910. Apparently the usefulness of the postoffice is only just coming to be appreciated.

## Woman's Posture in the Saddle.

New York Evening Post. It is to be hoped that the managers of the Brooklyn Riding and Driving club will not adhere to their reported decision to astride at their coming horse show. one word can be said in defense of the the balance of trade is heavily in our present seat, to which custom and preju-

favor it except on the ground of conventionality. That the sidesaddle is a menace testify, curvature of the spine being one of the familiar results from long sitting sition.

### The Mail Shirt Waist.

Postmaster General Smith has met the demand for shirt waists in the torrid east by granting permission to mail carriers to wear during the summer months that form of garment, provided it be of a light gray washable material and be worn with a turndown collar, a dark tie and a neat belt. So it seems the shirt waist is bound to come. Nothing can stop the mails.

Where the Real Thing's on Tap.

Philadelphia Reco Aguinaldo is said to be sedulously studying the American system of government with a view to future political activity. If he should visit New York and Philadelphia and observe the workings of municipal government on the spot, then go to Harrisburg and take a glimpse of the methods of state government, he would learn more of

### Keep Your Eyes Open.

New York Times The volume of business done in Wall street is unprecedented. There are no premonitions of panic to be discovered even by those who would be most gratified to find them. The relation which quotations bear to intrinsic values is a matter of judgment, but probably it is closer than we are accustomed to see it during the seasons of great speculative activity and general confidence. Most lines of business are active and profitable; manufacturers are behind with their orders, consumption is steadily absorbing stocks, the promise of the harvests is so far satisfactory and the outlook for the immediate future is full of encouragement. At the same time the part of prudence is to keep one eye on the boom and the other on the sail.

### Et Tn. Sista!

New York Tribune. Truly, Liberty is betrayed in the house of its friends! The disheartening announcement is made-from Springfield, Mass., too. of all places-that Senor Sixto Lopez is going home to the Philippines, to join Aguinaldo in accepting American sovereignty and in working for a universal acceptance thereof by his countrymen. Surely, if Freedom shricked when Kosclusko fell, she must have thrown at least thirteen consecutive and tumultuous fits when that ill news was heard. Sixto Lopez recreant to the sacred cause of Tagal headchopping! Why, he has been supposed to be carrying the very palladium of liberty about in his trousers pocket. Delgado might yield, and Aguinaldo himself bow the knee to the invader, but Sixto Lopez would remain faithful among the faithless.

#### Captain Carter and His Pull. Philadelphia Record

The continued possession, the safe concealment, of over a half million of public plunder has enabled ex-Captain Carter (now a convict in Leavenworth penitentiary) to seep up a pretense of fighting for personal freedom from galling gyves and circumval lating stone walls. His press agent in the far west announces that the ex-captain will sue Solicitor Richards for slander, because, forsooth, that blunt-spoken official of the department of justice, went so far as to set down minutely in a supreme court brief the extent of Carter's achievement in grand larceny. There is one way, and only one, in which the Carterian habit of colossal bluff might be useful to this rare jailbird. Let him bluff his civilian co-parceners in crime into standing trial at Savannah on indictments found against group, the leader of which made the usual them more than a year and a half When he should have thus relieved civil justice from a reproach the restless victim of court-martial might consistently face the future, although still unable to buy or bluff his way out of jail.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

The Daughters of the Revolution will have their next meeting at Denver. That is more than their revolutionary sires could have done.

The London papers state that \$175,000 was expended in the funeral of Queen Victoria. Nelson's and Pitt's cost \$200,000 and Wellington's almost \$350,000.

Now that Gunner Morgan is seeking divorce, it is expected that Admiral Sampson will modify his opinion of the gunner's ability to shine in good society. Chief Justice Fuller is a constant reader

of contemporary novels. Classics of all

sorts he has at his fingers' ends, but after a day in court the lighter sort of fiction he finds to be more of a diversion. It is declared by Wall street that the estates of Commodore Vanderbilt and Jav Gould have about doubled in the hands of

later owners. The Vanderbilt properties were worth \$80,000,000 and the Gould inter ests \$70,000,000. Vice President Roosevelt was talking th other day to a literary friend who, apropos

of Mr. Roosevelt's books and magazine articles, asked him: "By the way, what are you writing now?" "Now? Writing?" was the answer. "Oh! letters, letters, letters!" It will cost about \$3,000,000 to buy u

the Palisades, according to the plans of the Paliasades Interstate Park commission, but none can tell where the money is to come from. Nevertheless, the commission has nearly \$600,000 with which to begin operations. Insurance promoters in the south will pay

a handsome premium for a heart-to-heart talk with the lobbyists who failed to block a 25 per cent tax bill in the Tennessee legislature. The fact that a well lubricated looby slipped a cog. fills them with astonishment.

The Hon. A. J. von Szilassy, the presiden of the Young Men's Christian association of Buda Pesth, a member of the Imperial Diet, and a leading spirit in all philanthropic movements in his country, will attend the Jubilee convention of the Young Men's Christian association, in Boston, beginning bankers of the world and deprived of every Somebody asked Chief Croker as to the filling the threat they made when they said

firemen were to wear shirtwaists this summer. "Not for a minute," was the emphatic response. "When a man goes in his shirtsleeves it's the limit. There are no dudes on my pay roll." While out with a coaching party a few

fays ago Alfred G. Vanderbilt drew forth handful of money to pay for something in a hotel at Yonkers. One of the coins dropped to the floor and the millionaire spent several minutes looking for it. He finally found the coin, which proved to be a red cent. "Take care of the pennies," muttered a bystander.

The editor of the Prison Mirror, who is serving a limited engagement at Stillwater. Minn., is a person of "infinite jest" whose talents need restraint. He thinks the Mirror would be a valuable exchange and is willing to give advertising space to equalize the divvy. "The Mirror." he says, in breezy note, "is a weekly paper, published at Stillwater, and numbers among its contributors the best literary talent of the state, many of them having been sent to Stillwater by the very best judges, on account of their versatility with the pen. From this large number of literati, the editor has been selected, and it is not too much to say, deservedly so, on account of his acknowledged proficiency in writing expansion than can be effected by coloninomes de plume."

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Scenes and Incidents Around the Na tional Capital.

Senator Mason of Illinois shaves himself, and occasionally does a good job of scrapcorrespondent relates that the senator recently rushed into his bathroom armed with a razor. He was late for breakfast. He hastily scraped his triple chins and reached for the tube of face cream he keeps in a closet above the washstand. It so happened that his small son had, on the evening before, carefully placed a tube of bleycle cement in the closet, and the cream. He daubed his broad expanse of face with the cement before he realized he consulted thinks he will have all the cement off the senator's face in a week.

Statesmen reach the reception room in the White House by climbing the longest stairway in Washington. Senator Hanna, suffering from what base ball men call a 'charley horse leg," was laboriously mounting the steps recently and stopped to ness affairs, but an editor should not try rest when half-way up. He saw the chief usher on the floor below and called to him: 'Have an elevator put in this building during the summer and send the bill to "Second the motion," said Senator Platt, when he heard of Hanna's offer.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Chronicle reports that the Maryland ballot law has not in practice come up to democratic expectations. It was given a fair and impartial trial at the find themselves in the position of men who have spent a lot of time and energy in the passage of a measure that is probably a failure from a political point of view. The alphabetical arrangement of names, combined with the party designations set forth in clear, large type, was exactly what the illiterate negro needed to assure his right to vote. It was only necessary to instruct him that "republican" contains one letter which drops in part below the line, as the democratic white illiterate was instructed that "democrat" has a round letter-the the judges and have his vote registered. Only negroes who are rated as extra dull confined their voting to mayor. The brighter ones went right on down through the ticket with a success that was never contemplated by the framers of the law. They do things better in Virginia, where a negro in order to prove that he is 21 years old has to give the date of his birth. If he cannot do this the judges have a right to assume that he is not of age, and every darkies, many of them great-grandfathers, refused the right to vote because they are presumed to be minors.

The Washington Post relates that Former Senator Peffer has emerged from the greatcoat that enveloped him and his pendant whiskers during long constitutionals along F street last winter. Still recuperating from his severe illness, he has put on lighter attire, and now oc casionally appears on the much frequented the passenger is a bright-eyed little girl of perhaps 12 months. Yesterday the exsenator's route was along the broad walk in front of the Treasury department, where, solitary and alone, he walked slowly up and down with measured steps, patiently pushing the baby carriage which bore his little granddaughter.

Naturally the passersby of the gentler sex were attracted by the spectacle of the fond old man and the innocent infant. The latter became the circle of an interested overtures. "What is oo name?" relterated

woman again and again. the long and solemn Kansan in hollow voice. But the granddaughter was obdurate, and,

following a long parley and exchange of endearing terms, the ex-senator pedaled slowly up the pike toward his daughter's rooftree.

At the request of Senator Daniel of Virgina President McKinley has ordered the return of the Washington relies now in custody of Smithsonian Institution, to the heirs of George Washington Parke Curtis. The relics, consisting of uniforms, swords camp equipages and other things, were taken from the Lee residence at Arlington at the outbreak of the civil war. They were collected by General Washington's adopted son, George Washington Parke Curtis, whose father, Colonel John Parke Curtis, was Martha Washington's son by her first husband and acted as aide-de-camp to General Washington during the siege of

Yorktown. When Mrs. Washington died in 1802, Cur tis built Arlington house, on his inherited estate of 1,000 acres near the city of Washington. The number of souvenirs of the father of his country there preserved made the house the objective point of patriotic pilgrimages from all points of the country. After the transference of the relics to the Smithsonian Institution it was said by some of the museum officials that many of the so-called "relics" were doubtful insofar as their association with Washington was concerned.

Arlington house and its treasures passe o the famous confederate leader, General Lee, through marriage, his wife having been G. W. Parke Curtis' daughter. The claim by his heirs to recover the articles removed from Arlington has been pending about fifteen years.

#### REDEEMING COLORADO DESERT. Work of Great Magnitude Carried on in the West. New York Times.

In the absorbing interest of great merg-

ago would have been deemed impossible we are apt to overlook the fact that a greadeal is going on in the world which makes for good in very much larger degree than do the operations of the Wall street financiers. For example, a work is now in progress which will redeem for civilization and occupation 400,000 acres of waste land in Colorado and 500,000 in New Mexico, and truth of a printed rumor that New York | before the close of the present year one of the most desolate and forbidding of the American deserts will be redeemed and prepared to become one of the garden spots of this continent. Artesian wells which have been drilled near Indio are flowing copiously, and these are to be supplemented by an irrigation canal sixty miles long, which will bring the water of the Colorado river into the heart of the desert. This will furnish the water to irrigate abundantly neary 1,500 square miles of land, which will become wonderfully fertile when thus treated. Great climatic changes may be expected to follow, diverting the waters of the Colorado into greater than in Sahara. A similar work is in progres on the Arizona side of the river and before winter at least another 100,000 made desirable by irrigation. Such enterprises do more for the progress of civilization than all the banking deals which can be evolved in the board rooms of the Napoleons of finance. They not only make blades of grass grow where none grew before, but they make homes for the homeless and add something tangible to the national wealth. This is better territorial sation or conquest.

DIVERGENT VIEWS ON FUSION.

Fairbury Enterprise (rep.): The democ racy throughout the country seems to be preparing to cast aside the ties that have bound them to the populists and silver ing. But there are others. A Washington republicans the past few years. They want to go it alone, but the ple hunters are averse to it, realizing there is no hope for

them with a dividend party. Beatrice Democrat: We notice a number of names being suggested to "the fusion party" as candidates for supreme judge this fall, by persons signing themselves "Fusionist." General Victor Vifquain signs his own name to a nomination of J. H senator got the cement instead of the face Broady. Of course, the names presented by the "fusionists" are all pops. The democrats will simply be asked to vote anything was wrong. The skin specialist the pop ticket, as usual, if there is anything done along fusion lines.

York Democrat: There are a few socalled fusion papers in the state that, judged from the course they are pursuing are more interested in self-aggrandizemen than in the welfare of the people of the state and the fusion parties. It is natural and right to take care of our own busito be fish and fowl at the same time, and the fellows who are trying to deceive the public are merely deceiving themselves. Better quit wabling and go after the re publicans, and go after them good and plenty.

Nebraska City Press (rep.): The ques tion now agitating the democrats of Otoe county is whether they will have fusion with the pops, or go it alone as in days gone by, as the St. Louis democracy did in their recent municipal election in which Fredericktown municipal election. As a a straight democratic ticket was elected means of preventing the illiterate negro against the interference of Mr. Bryan, from voting it proved a delusion and a with his tenets, creed and influence. How snare, and Mr. Gorman and his lieutenants ever, it will make little difference, if any to the republicans of Otoe county how the fight is made, as it is generally conceded that the republicans will triumphantly elect the nominees of their next convention. Grand Island Democrat: Considerable

interest is being aroused in the state by the politicians by the discussion of the future plans of the several organizations opposed to the republican party, especially as to state affairs. The Democrat surrenders to none in its constancy to democratic principles. It feels it is in a position to talk "straight from fourth from the start, to enable him to pass the shoulder." as none can challenge its democracy, and it says here and nov that it has no sympathy with this or that separate political organization, with spleen to vent, ax to grind or jealousy to parade (unconsciously). When the Douglas County Democracy through its organ proclaims to the world that it will support naught but straight democrats for office and oppose fusion, it takes a position as illogical as the course it condemns and much more extreme. While we believe election day sees thousands of white-haired this organization has done this to emphasize in some manner its dislike of the Jacksonians, a rival yet it should remember that the fusionists of Nebraska have but mighty little interest in the political brawls of Douglas county. The Democrat gives full credit to the democratic tendencies of Douglas county and rejoices at every democratic victory in the state's metropolis, but the political interests of Nebraska democracy should not be put in jeopardy through the strife and bickerings of Omaha local polithoroughfares, pushing a carriage, in which ticians and organizations. We are for united action against the party that has once wrecked the financial standing of Nebraska and is today under the control of the most domineering corporations that ever entered the political lists to plunder the public. Let's redeem Nebraska from the blight of republicanism and postpone consideration of democratic jealousies to a more propitious season

# RESULT OF LOSS OF PORESTS.

Prime Cause of the Greater Rise of St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The estimate that the damage to property by the floods in the Ohio river valley will reach \$3,000,000, shows the great losses to the country which have resulted from the wholesale destruction of forests which has been going on for the past third of a century. These floods are repeated year after year with but little variation, and they occur along the Missouri and the Mississippi as well as on the banks of the Ohio. Some years the destruction is less in the Ohio valley than it has been in 1901, but in other years, it has been much

greater. Destructive freshets were reported along the Ohio in the early days of the settlement of that region. The residents at Marietta and vicinity 100 years ago were occasionally troubled by high water in the spring, but the damage, even allowing for the vast increase in the value of the property along the river since then, is vastly greater now than it was in the old days Floods come oftener now than they did then, and the rise in the river is greater, though large stretches of country were overflowed more than once along the Ohio in the early part of the historic period.

The destruction of the forests along the

river is the prime cause of the greater

rise of the water during the flood periods of today than occurred two-thirds of a century ago, or even half a century ago. Hundreds of square miles of trees are wantonly sacrificed along the watershed of all the great rivers every year, though there has been a little let-up in the devastation recently. Thus the precipitation by the rains is not held back as formerly, but is poured into the streams, and these send ing their contents suddenly into the rivers cause vast overflows in which houses are swept away, railroads are submerged, and many lives lost. This is the general course of things almost every spring. The efforts of the government to compensate for the loss of the forests by the construction of dams to hold back the water in spots are vain except that they diminish the destruc tiveness to some extent. The restoration of the forests, so far as this is practicable, is the only means of lessening the devastation ers with capitalizations, which a few years which takes place every spring along the banks of most of the great western rivers

### FUNSTON AND DEATH VALLEY. California Laughs at Weird Tales

Told in the East. San Francisco Call.

It may be an effort to paint the lily, but when the new school of adulators of General Funston publish fairy tales about his exploration of Death Valley "it is to laugh." Several chapters of this stuff is out. In 1890 he was with one of the summer junkets of Major Powell's geological survey, botanizing in Death Valley and the nearby mountains. Remembering this episode in his career eastern papers are filled with his achievements in that service. The hitherto unbraved terrors and un broken mystery of that terrible valley are duly Munchausened and magnified. Its deadly fumes, miasmas, malaria, mirage and misery are dwelt upon at terrifying length. The shrinking of large numbers of brave men from the task of entering that region of horrors, and the depopulating efthis arid waste, where the heat is intol- feet upon the country around of its reputaerable and the distance between springs is | tion for being the home of monsters, o poison-emitting crevasses in the red-hot earth, of simoons, cyclones, typhoons and all the terrors of the air, work upon the acres of now uninhabitable land will be taste for the terrible. Its sand storms, dust storms, dirt storms, its showers of salt, borax, brimstone and all that chokes, constricts, suffocates and kills, are told about in a fashion to make the reader specze and throw up the sash for fresh

> Having cast up this blood-curdling and hair-raising scene, they introduce Funston in the foreground, back to the audience and face to the Valley of Death. He gives himself the word of command, and, marking

# Why a Woman

to Able to Help Sick Women When Doctors Fall.

How gladly would men fly to wo-man's aid did they but understand & woman's feelings, trials, sensibilities, and peculiar organic disturbances. Those things are known only to women, and the aid a man would give

is not at his command. To treat a case properly it is neces-sary to know all about it, and full information, many times, cannot be given by a woman to her family physician. She cannot bring herself to tell everything, and the physician is



at a constant disadvantage. This is why, for the past twenty-five years, thousands of women have been confiding their troubles to us, and our dvice has brought happiness and health to countless women in the U.S. Mrs. Chappell, of Grant Park, Ill. whose portrait we publish, advises all suffering women to use Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound, as it

cured her of inflammation of the ovaries

and womb; she, therefore, speaks from

knowledge, and her experience ought to give others confidence. Address Mrs. Pinkham's Laboratory, Lynn, Mass. time to get himself in step, marches into the sandy mist and mystery. His figure lessons as the perspective increases, and is finally merged in the mirage and is seen no more. Morgue and mournful thoughts occupy the beholders, who reflect upon the highly polished condition of the hero's bones when they shall be found. among them pray that at least his soul will find transportation from the blear bosom of the desert to a place of living waters. After long suspense he reappears. He has bisected, circumpavigated and meandered the Valley of Death, set his heel on the neck of its monsters, cut down its upas trees to make a fire to boil his coffee, spit tobocco juice down its crevasses, breathed

brought it back in his hathand! The narrative is ridiculous and will make an old Californian laugh at eastern credulity, while the mule-drivers who borax on that desert will roar. Death Valley is a little safer than Broadway in New York, and much more so than the residence districts of Chicago under the potection of Carter Harrison's police

its sands and coughed them up, sniffed

its sulphur and grown fat on it-in fine,

has taken the sting of Death Valley and

### TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Baxter says lie caught you carrying around the umbrella that he lost two months ago." "Yes, and the meanest part of it is that I had been fool enough to go and have it

repaired.

Pittsburg Chroniele: "Is your geography an up-to-date work?" we asked the agent, telling him that many recent changes had made old geographies valueless. "It was issued just after breakfast this morning, sir." he protested, "immediately after re-ceiving the latest news from China."

Chicago Tribune: "I am sorry, str," said Chicago Tribune: "I am sorry, sir," said the surgeon, "but we shall have to perform an operation."
"I know you're not sorry, doctor," said the man with the appendicitis. "You are glad. And now that we understand each other, doctor, you can go ahead."

Detroit Free Press: Observer—You don't sweat much at your work? Laborer—I guess not; a dollar a day ain't sweatin' wages.

Detroit Journal: "The Scot says ay, for yes," observed Mordaunt. "Singular, is it not?" confessed that it was, suspecting "But the Frenchman says out. Is that singular or plural?"
I saw now that I was being betrayed, and, throwing myself upon him, I bore him to the earth.

Chicago Post: Ascum-I understand your minister is devoting his attention to the higher criticism.

Churchman—Well, he has been complaining that his salary's too small, if that's what you mean by "hire criticism."

Philadelphia Press: "People will not understand that I have my moments of grief, too," complained Lowe Comedy. "It's most annoying to have folks laugh at you when you mean to be serious."
"I should think," replied Hi Tragedy, "that you'd find it more annoying to have them not laugh at you when you mean to be furny."

## MAD MULLAH.

Baltimore American. (The cable dispatches announce that Mad Mullah headed a brief rebellion last week.) Mad Mullah, on an April day, Sat in his palace, feeling gay. He mused: "Some trouble I must raise, To make these Mullahncholy days." And, grinning at his ghastly jest. He donned his copper-inlaid vest. His ragian-fitting robe he threw About his shoulders loosely, too, Then grasped his boomerang-like sword. "Ho! For the warpath now!" he reared. Then, with a twist and bend and curl, His dervishes began to whirl. And there, with chuckle, smile and grin. They wrote a fearful bulletin. "Mad Mullah." said the agent's screed, "Is to make the tyrants bleed. He leads ten thousand-count 'em-ten Undaunted, fearless fighting men, And he will sweep throughout the land With his herce carrienation band." But, sad to state, there came a man Who had another sort of plan.

He led the foolish enemy Whose ranks Mad Mullah then could see, And gazing at their strong array, He sighed: "It's not my sweeping day. So back unto the palace vast He and his agent galloped fast. Mad Mullah said it was a shame. The agent smiled, "But just the same "We sent the news of our attack Before we thought to hurry back. He is the greatest hero, Mul., Who to his chances is not dull, But ere he goes to win the fight, A full account takes pains to write." Mad Mullah grinned and understood. And vowed the thought was very good "For, now." he said, "we have a chance To deck historical romance.

And here, ' he said, "Til think a thought To lend the story one bright spot: "Of all sad words." he mused, "the worst Are these: "The others saw us first,"